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SUBJECT: CHINA

1. (S) RE MY MEETING WITH RND OFFICIALS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE NOTHING AWAY. ON THE SUBJECT OF YOUR TRIP THE CHINESE SAID THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME SUCH A VISIT BUT THAT HE SHOULD PREPARE A DATE AND THEY'D STAFF THE DATE AND SEE IF IT WAS ACCEPTABLE. CONCERNING MILITARY EXCHANGES, THE CHINESE SIDE WAS QUITE EVASIVE AND OBVIOUSLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REMAIN-SC. (WE HAD HEARD PRIOR TO THE MEETING THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THEIR EXCHANGES). ON THE THIRD ISSUE OF THE VISIT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF TO WASHINGTON, THE CHINESE SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THE TAIWAN OBJECTION AND WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY.

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2. (S) AT THE BANQUET LAST NIGHT THREE MEMBERS OF OUR PARTY WERE APPROACHED SEPARATELY AND ASKED IF DOD AND PARTICULARLY YOU WOULD BE ANNOYED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE AFTERNOON MEETING. WE EACH GAVE A NON-COMMITTAL "MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" REPLY.

3. (S) THIS WAS MY THIRD OCCASION TO MEET WITH HMD OFFICIALS IN CHINA, BUT THE FIRST TIME THAT A FOREIGN MINISTRY TYPE WAS PRESENT TO MONITOR. MAIN THRUST OF HMD PRESENTATION WAS THAT MILITARY TO MILITARY RELATIONS WERE SUBORDINATE TO STATE RELATIONS.

4. (S) SUMMARY. SECSTATE UNDERTOOK THIS TRIP WITH MODEST, LOW-KEY OBJECTIVES AND MET THESE. I BELIEVE THE CHINESE ALSO ENTERED THESE TALKS FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE. THEY ALSO WERE NOT DISAPPOINTED. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY MEMORY HE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE CHINESE AND DID NOT COME BEARING GIFTS ETC. THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SERIOUSNESS AND CANDOR OF SECSTATE AND STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD SERVED TO FURTHER MUTUAL TRUST.

VERY RESPECTFULLY RICH.

DELIVER DURING MORNING HOURS.  
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